



First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
September 12, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

Gathering Music: *Lord Most High*

Don Harris and Gary Sadler

We invite you to worship through listening and refrain from singing at this time.

From the ends of the earth, from the depths of the sea
From the heights of the heaven, Your name be praised
From the hearts of the weak, from the shouts of the strong
From the lips of all people, this song we raise, Lord.

Throughout the endless ages, You will be crowned with praises
Lord most high.
Exalted in every nation, Sovereign of all creation
Lord most high, be magnified.

Every Praise

Hezekiah Walker

Every praise is to our God, every word of worship with one accord.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God, glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.

God my Savior. God my Healer.
God my Deliverer. Yes He is, yes He is.

Welcome & Announcements

Jill Duffield

Call to Worship

Neil Dunnivant

Leader: Remember the promise of the Lord:

All: God will pour out the Holy Spirit on all people.

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

All: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

All: Bless the name of the Lord!

Hymn of Praise: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Robinson/Wyeth

We invite you to worship through listening and refrain from singing at this time.

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise his name I'm fixed upon it, name of thy redeeming love

Hitherto thy love has blessed me, thou hast brought me to this place
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

* Call to Confession *and* Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you send your Spirit to empower us to do your will. You give your people a variety of gifts to reveal your love to the world. You never leave us or forsake us, yet we turn from your ways and refuse your guidance. Forgive our self-centeredness and selfishness. Renew our faith and grant us wisdom for the living of these days. Amen.

A brief period of silence is reserved for personal confession.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Response to the Peace: *Cover Me*

Mark Condon

We invite you to worship through listening and refrain from singing at this time.

Peace of God, cover me, cover me, cover me

Peace of God, cover me, through the storm, cover me

Only in you I am safe, only in you I'm secure

Only in you I find peace, so cover me, cover me

THE WORD OF GOD

The Word Read: *Isaiah 11:1-9*

Victoria Alexander

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Time for Children

Betsy Hyslop

The Fruit Song

Rick Muchow

God's apple is love, his orange is patience
Banana is self-control
His lemon is peace, his kindness a peach
And my life is the bowl

So fill me up, fill me up
Fill me up, Lord, fill me all the way up
With the fruit of the spirit
I want the fruit of the spirit

The Word Read: *Galatians 5:16-25*

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

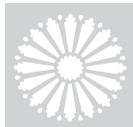
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed: *Fruit of the Spirit*

1. In Step with the Spirit

Jill Duffield



RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response: *Holy Spirit, Rain Down*

Russell Frager

We invite you to worship through listening and refrain from singing at this time.

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.

Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts, as we stand on Your word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store.
So open up heaven, open it wide
Over Your church, and over our lives.

Commissioning Young Adult Volunteer Victoria Alexander

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jill Duffield

Great Thanksgiving

Rachel Fitch

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise...
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (in unison)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!**

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

Come, Share the LordCOME, SHARE THE LORD

Rejoice! Ensemble

We gather here in Jesus' name;
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here;
everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family,
of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come drink the wine;
come, share the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Rachel Fitch

Call for the Offering

*Please participate in the offering by giving online at **fpcgreensboro.org/give**
or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.*

Music for Meditation: *In the Palm of Your Hand*

Ron Block

Rejoice! Ensemble

* Benediction

Jill Duffield

Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...

**All: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.
May we live by the Spirit.**

* Song of Sending: No. 547 – *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

AR HYD Y NOS

Please join us in singing together.

**“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.**

**Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”**



** Let us rise in body or spirit*

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Today’s Worship Leaders

Jill Duffield, Senior Pastor

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor

Rachel Fitch, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Lisa Witherspoon, Director of Children’s Ministry

Victoria Alexander, Lay Reader

Betsy Hyslop, Interim Associate Director of Music for Rejoice!

Rejoice! Ensemble

NEXT SUNDAY: Rejoice! service at 9 am in Mullin Life Center, Sanctuary worship at 11 am. Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield talks about “Love” as she continues her sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. The 11 am service will be livestreamed at fpcgreensboro.org.

Staff members will reflect on the Fruit of the Spirit in a weekly video devotional – subscribe by emailing Yolanda Baxter, ybaxter@fpcgreensboro.org.

- *2 Corinthians* – Paul’s words about affliction, humility, forgiveness, boldness, generosity, and all things comprising a Christian life make this the perfect study for our time. Led by Professor Sandie Gravett on video. YMBC to show in Redhead Hall, or watch online at fpcgreensboro.org.
- Jack Harrington will lead the Commitment class in a discussion on “*Spiritual Lessons of COVID-19*.” Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100
- *Fruit of the Spirit* – Faith Builders meets in Myers Loyalty Room, Smith 242, continuing the theme of Jill Duffield’s fall sermon series. Led by class members.
- *Parables of Jesus* – Seekers class meets in Main 125, with conference call option. Contact **Gerard Davidson**, gdavidson@wardblacklaw.com

NURSERY CARE IS PROVIDED for infants through age 4 on the first floor of Mullin Life Center. Our Child Protection Policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

MASKING IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES on campus and indoors, including small groups and church school classes. Please maintain social distancing for the health and safety of our most vulnerable siblings in Christ.

UPDATES ON OUR COVID GUIDELINES are posted at FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/TOGETHER.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS: Pick up a “Boomerang Back to Church” sign for your yard! At the Discipleship tent on Greene Street. \$5 donation.

NOMINATE SOMEONE TO BE A CHURCH OFFICER

The 2021-2022 Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for church officers. You can find more information on the nomination ballot in the bulletin today; or at fpcgreensboro.org/member-resources; or email Debby Foster (dfoster@fpcgreensboro.org) with nominations or questions. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, September 26.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELDER TODAY: During today’s 11 am worship service, Christy Botros will be ordained and installed as an elder in the class of 2024.

TAKING ATTENDANCE: In an effort to make attendance safer and more efficient, we are trying something new. There is a card in your bulletin with a QR code that opens an online form; just open your smartphone camera, hold it over the code, and follow the prompts. If you do not have access to a smartphone, the card can just be filled out as-is. If using the paper form, place it in the offering at the end of the service. On the back of the card is a prayer request form. Your submitted prayers will be prayed for by staff members and kept in strict confidence.

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY and all are welcome to the Lord’s table. Our Communion bread is gluten-free. We pray that as Christ meets you here you will be refreshed for the journey and strengthened in faith.

COMMISSIONING OUR YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER: Our member Victoria Alexander will be commissioned today for her yearlong work in Scotland through PC(USA)’s YAV program, serving at **Fintry Parish Church, Dundee**. Each volunteer is asked to raise \$5,000 to cover expenses. If you would like to contribute: use the link at fpcgreensboro.org/digital-formation. Make sure to add the ECO number E210102 so that the contribution goes to her fund. You may also call 800-872-3283 (mention her code, E210102) or send a check to PCUSA, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 (put E210102 on memo line).

THE PEACE LILIES IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God by Chuck & Ashley Staton Scott.

THE ROSEBUD IN THE LIFE CENTER celebrates the birth of Lydia Frances Conklin, daughter of Catherine and Lee Conklin, born July 21, 2021. Lydia joins siblings Brooks and Marty. The family resides at 1802 Swannanoa Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410.

WAYS TO GIVE: In addition to participating in the in-person offering, you may also give by web, app, or text. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give/web-app-text to download the SecureGive mobile app (Apple  or Android ) and for full instructions for giving via text. Go to fpcgreensboro.org/give for more ways to give.

IN MEMORIAM

**Edward Nelson “Ed” Booker Jr.
September 6, 2021**

COMING UP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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welcome back to church!

The fall worship series explores the Fruit of the Spirit. See a related devotional from our staff each Wednesday, on social media or sign up to receive in your inbox, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

Fall Kickoff continues this evening with activities and grilled burgers:

5:30 pm – Vespers on the Sanctuary steps. **Be sure to bring a chair!**

6 pm – Children & youth families enjoy food, other adults walk self-guided Fruit of the Spirit Prayer Stations in the Sanctuary

6:45 pm – Children go to Paisley Playground and youth go to Shetler deck for activities, other adults enjoy food and fellowship. Youth: Wear clothes that can get wet or ruined for Color Wars, Dunk Tank, Earth Ball Volleyball, and GAGA!

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

Sheroes of the New Testament – Monthly women's Bible study. Rev. Maria Hanlin on the Woman at the Well, on video. Zoom discussion next week. FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION.

TUESDAY

Combined Book Clubs – *Speechless No More: A Life Transformed by a Voice Disorder*, by our member Dot Sowerby, who will facilitate. 1:30 pm, Garden Room or Zoom (contact ybaxter@fpcgreensboro.org for link). Currie Library has copies for sale.

WEDNESDAY

Food Drive-by for Urban Ministry – Drop off in front of Redhead Hall, 10 am to 2 pm. Volunteer to be a greeter 10-noon or noon-2 pm, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.



THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS ...

LOVE

Jill Duffield preaches. Read the scriptures:
Leviticus 19:9-17 & 1 Corinthians 13

FAITH FORMATION, 10 AM

2 Corinthians – Paul's words about affliction, humility, forgiveness, boldness, generosity, and all things comprising a Christian life make this the perfect study for our time. Led by Professor Sandie Gravett on video. YMBC to show in Redhead Hall, or watch from home.

Parables of Jesus – Seekers class, Main 125, with conference call option. Contact gDAVIDSON@WARDBLACKLAW.COM.

Spiritual Lessons of COVID-19 – Commitment class, Blair Hagan Room, Memorial 100.

Fruit of the Spirit – Faith Builders class, Smith 242.

Children's Milestones – First Grade, Getting to Know My Bible; Second Grade, Worship; Third Grade, Communion; Fourth Grade, Catechism; Fifth Grade, Bible Skills.

Youth Church School – Third floor, Memorial

FPC 101 – For those considering membership & existing members. Explore the Bible, church history, theology, polity. Info: mlogan@fpcgreensboro.com. 10 am Sundays, September 19 - October 10.

Kids Clubs – Monthly Music, Yoga or Legos for K-5, Preschool Club for ages 3-4. Pre-register by September 22, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

Fall Gathering of Salem Presbytery Women –

Senior Pastor Jill Duffield will be the guest speaker at this Zoom gathering, September 25, 9:15 am to noon. \$5, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/SIGNUP.

Greensboro Civil Rights

Pilgrimage – Spiritual walk to sites that shaped our community

and affect us today. September 26 at 2:30 pm. Zoom class led by retired Bennett College professor Linda Brown and spiritual director Marilyn Wolf, September 19, 4-5:30 pm. Driving map available for those who can't walk. Limited to 25.

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Youth small groups – Exploring Galatians with an emphasis on the Fruit of the Spirit. September 26, various days & times.

Elder nominations – The Nominating Committee seeks suggestions of members whose leadership will strengthen the church & its mission. Deadline is September 26. Contact DFOSTER@FPCGREENSBORO.ORG

ATTENDANCE



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Name

Address

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email

I am a:

1st-time Visitor

Guest

Member

I am seeking more information about:

Membership

Music & Worship

Outreach

Adult Events/Small Groups

Children's Ministry

Youth Ministry

PRAYER REQUEST

Your submitted prayers will be prayed for by staff members and kept in strict confidence.

Please pray for me...

This week, I felt the Spirit of God while...



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